Audre Lorde Scholarship Fund: Contribute to the Fund

A letter from Mary Anne Adams, Executive Director.

Dear Friend:

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We are understandably proud of our first group of scholars who have graduated from college and are indeed making a difference all over the world. Where are they now?

Virginia Hunt is living in Qingdao, China, teaching English as a second language at a school in a province called Shandong. Donna Hope is attending graduate school at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in upstate New York studying Engineering. She is also conducting research with the Department of Environmental Conservation, which she will incorporate into her thesis research. Wendi O'Neal spends her days and nights organizing workshops around class, race, gender and sexual orientation at the Highlander Research and Education Center in New Market, Tennessee, and Barbara Gibson who serves as Family Advocate at Dekalb County Women's Center to End Domestic Violence just became a foster parent to newborn son, Zachary.

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contributions and hope that you will consider giving the gift of education. We know that you gave generously last year. Please consider increasing your contribution.

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Tax-deductible contributions should be made payable to FSC and designated for the Audre Lorde Scholarship Fund.

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In Community Spirit,

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